

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1701 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 1701 would allow counties to combine election precincts, which would make them much larger and would limit the number of polling places. As a result, the bill would move many voters' polling places further from their homes. The bill would allow some precincts which are currently capped at 2,000 voters to grow to 5,000 voters, making people leave their neighborhoods to vote and increasing lines at polling places.

We should work to allow people to vote in their neighborhoods and to make it easier, not harder, for Texans to vote on Election Day.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

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Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
7:30 PM O'CLOCK

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